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PREVIOUSLY IN AGE OF ULTRON...

YEARS AGO, FOUNDING AVENGER HENRY PYM INVENTED THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE KNOWN AS ULTRON. ONCE ULTRON BECAME SENTIENT, HE DEDICATED HIS EXISTENCE TO DESTROYING HUMANITY. THE AVENGERS SUCCESSFULLY FOILED HIS EVERY ATTEMPT, BUT SOME PREDICTED THAT WITH HIS CONTINUOUS EVOLUTION, ULTRON WOULD ONE DAY MANAGE TO OVERCOME HIS FOES. THAT DAY HAS COME.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO REVERSE THE CATACLYSMIC RISE OF ULTRON, THE SURVIVING HEROES TRAVELED TO THE SAVAGE LAND, WHERE THEY DISCOVERED NICK FURY AND HIS DOOMSDAY BUNKER FULL OF POWERFUL DEVICES, INCLUDING DOCTOR DOOM'S TIME PLATFORM. CAPTAIN AMERICA LED A STRIKE FORCE TO THE FUTURE, WHERE ULTRON HAS BEEN REMOTELY CONTROLLING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PRESENT. MEANWHILE, WOLVERINE WENT ROGUE AND TRAVELED BACK IN TIME, WITH SUE STORM FOLLOWING INVISIBLY. IN ORDER TO SAVE THEIR FUTURE AND EVERYONE THEY'D LOST, SUE ALLOWED WOLVERINE TO END THE LIFE OF HANK PYM BEFORE HE COULD CREATE ULTRON.

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WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

YA CAN STOP WITH THE STINK EYE, MRS. RICHARDS.

I TOLD YOU TO WAIT IN THE CAR.

YOU INVOLVED YOURSELF IN ALL THIS. *YOU* MADE YOUR CHOICES.

THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.
YEARS AGO.

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU KILLED IN YOUR LIFE?

NOBODY THAT DIDN'T HAVE IT COMIN'.

I'M SORRY IF I'M ANNOYING YOU, WOLVERINE. I'VE NEVER CONSPIRED TO STRIKE DOWN A HEROIC MAN IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS PRIME BEFORE.

WELL, NOW YA HAVE.

CROSS IT OFF YOUR TO-DO LIST.

ALL OF THE GOOD THINGS HENRY PYM HAS DONE IN HIS LIFE--OR HAD YET TO DO--

HE CREATED A ROBOT THAT KILLED HALF THE WORLD. NOW HE DIDN'T.

BUT DIDN'T ULTRON CREATE THE VISION?

AND WASN'T HE ONE OF THE GREATEST AVENGERS OF ALL TIME?

ALL THE THINGS THEY'VE DONE WILL NEVER HAPPEN.

DIDN'T THE VISION MARRY THE SCARLET WITCH?

WITHOUT THEM, WHAT WILL THE WORLD BE LIKE?

I DON'T KNOW AND YOU DON'T KNOW.

BUT WE'RE BOTH BETTING IT'S BETTER THAN WHAT WE LEFT BEHIND.

AND WHY DID YOU LAND THE CAR HERE? WE'RE MILES FROM THE CAVE.

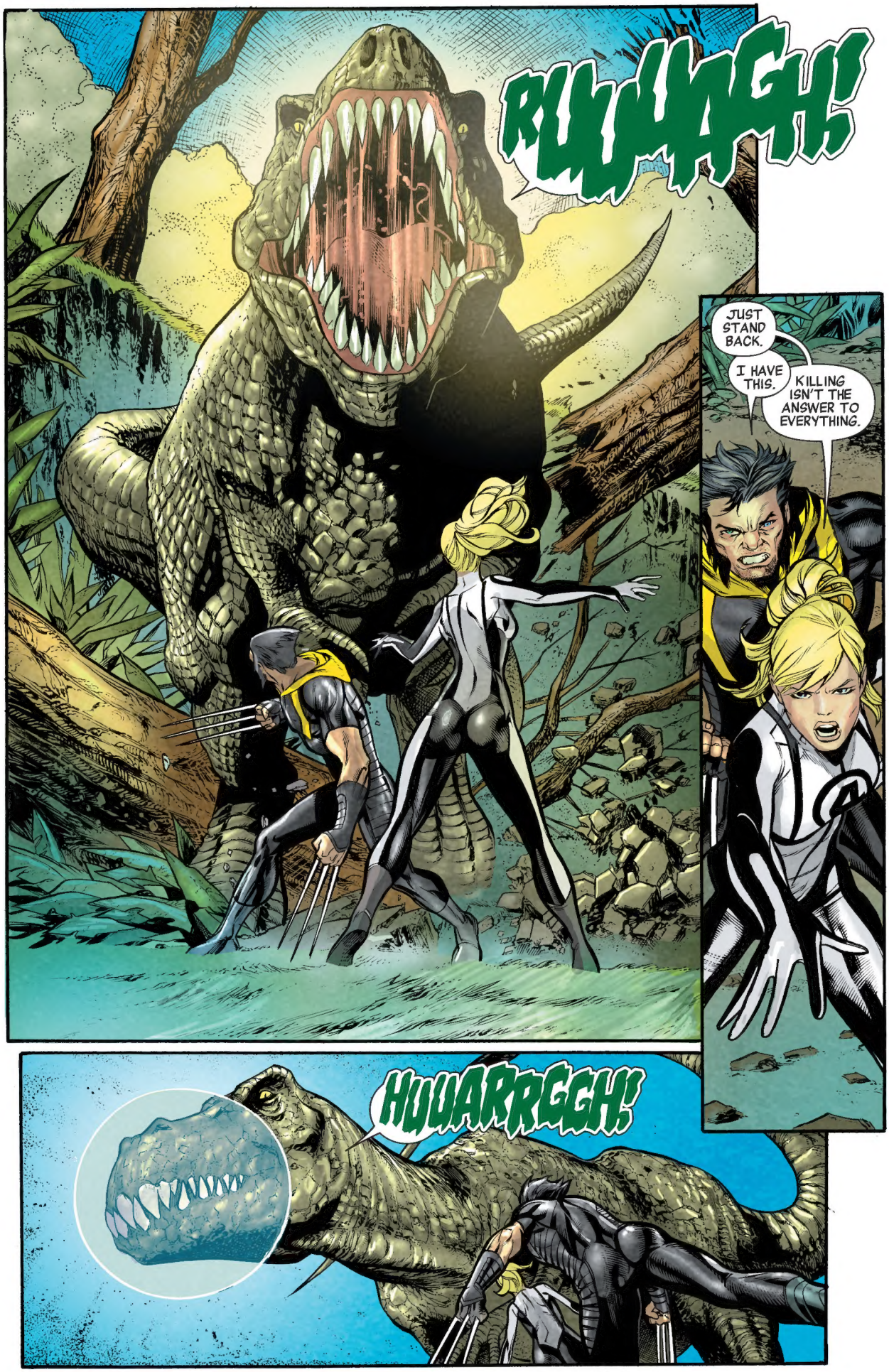
I STOLE THIS CAR FROM A YOUNG'N' HANDSOME NICK FURY.

HE'LL BE LOOKIN' FOR IT, AND US, IF HE'S STILL LURKIN' AROUND.

SNIKT

AND ONCE WE TRAVEL BACK TO THE PRESENT WE'RE GONNA NEED A RIDE HOME, SO WHY DON'T--

SON OF A--


RUUAGH!
JUST STAND BACK.
I HAVE THIS.
KILLING ISN'T THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING.
HUUARRGGH!

HUUURRRR!
FORCE-FIELD IN ITS MOUTH?
NICE.
YES.
CAN WE PLEASE GO HOME?
YOU SMELL ANYTHING?
NOPE.
NO YOUNG NICK FURY?
SCENT IS OLD.
LONG GONE.

WE WERE RIGHT TO COME HERE.
WE'LL SEE.

THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.
NOW.
HOLD ON.
TAKE US DOWN THERE.
MAKE US INVISIBLE AND TAKE US DOWN.

WHAT IS ALL THIS?

LOOKS LIKE THE SAVAGE LAND IS NOW AN ALIEN SPACECRAFT JUNKYARD.

THAT IS A SKRULL SKULL.

HEY, YEAH, LOOK AT THAT.

LOOKS LIKE THEIR SECRET INVASION WENT A DIFFERENT WAY THIS TIME.

SOME OF THESE SHIPS LOOK LIKE KREE.

I THINK THIS IS WHERE THE KREE/SKRULL WAR HAPPENED.

THERE WAS A KREE/SKRULL WAR?

TWO HARD-CORE ALIEN RACES BATTLING OVER OWNERSHIP RIGHTS TO THE EARTH.

MUST'VE BEEN BEFORE MY TIME.

I GET IT.

THE AVENGERS STOPPED IT ***BEFORE*** IT CAME TO EARTH. AT LEAST, THAT'S THE WAY IT WENT BEFORE WE--

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR PROBLEM WITH HER IS.

I TOLD YOU, I THINK SHE'S USING YOU.

USING ME FOR WHAT? WHAT DO I HAVE?

YOUR STARKGUARD SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR ONE.

SECURITY CLEARANCE? WE'RE OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE GUARDING A BUNCH OF NOTHING.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM.

YOU LIKE HER. SHE LIKES YOU. BE IN LOVE. BE HAPPY.

WHO CARES IF SHE'S HYDRA?

STARKGUARD?

I'LL GET THE CAR.

OH, WHAT THE HELL?

HOLD IT TOGETHER.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?!

THE WORLD'S STILL HERE, AIN'T IT?

AGH!

SHABOOM

WHO HIT US?!
TIME TO GO!
MAKE SOME FANCY FORCE-FIELDS OR WHATEVER YOU DO.
KABOOM
DID YOU SEE WHERE IT CAME FROM?
NO.
IT SMELLS LIKE NEW YORK. A LITTLE DIFFERENT, BUT THE CITY IS STILL HERE.
IT'S ALL HERE.
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT... BUT WE DID JUST GET SHOT OUT OF THE SKY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

VISHANTI SPELL OF SELF-PRESERVATION. BOOK OF VISHANTI, PAGE 107.
YOU CAN'T COME WALTZING INTO AMERICAN AIRSPACE...
NOT WITHOUT THE DEFENDERS HAVING SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!
SUZIE?

BEN?
ARE YOU, WAIT, ARE YOU BACK?
HOLD ON THERE, TOUGH GUY!
WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE TWO DUMBEST SHAPE-SHIFTING SKRULLS IN THE HISTORY OF DUMB SKRULLS.
I DON'T THINK THIS IS SKRULLS, JANET.
THIS IS SOME OTHER WEIRD THING.
SHOULD I SMASH THE @#$$ OUT OF THEM?
HOLD ON, BRUCE.
TIME TO START TALKING!
WELL, THEY'RE EITHER SKRULLS OR THIS IS SOME SORT OF LE FEY TRICK.
OR JUST TWO DUMB WANNABE COSPLAYERS.
BUT IT LOOKS JUST LIKE HER.
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN YEARS.
SPEAK.
YOU HEARD THE HULK.
START TALKIN', HANDSOME.
MRS. RICHARDS...

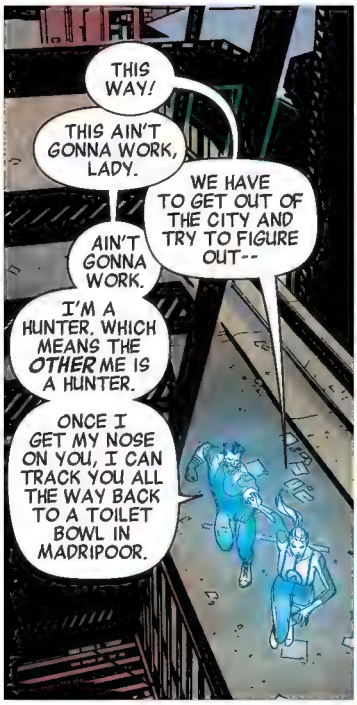
AGH!
RR!!

LET'S GO.

I REALLY THINK THIS MIGHT BE HER.
I HATE TO SAY THIS...
BUT THAT GUY SMELLS JUST LIKE ME.
YOU'RE TELLING US.

DOCTOR, CAN YOU ILLUMINATE THE SITUATION?
GIVE ME A MOMENT, COLONEL.
DON'T BOTHER...

SNFF
I'VE GOT THIS.


THIS WAY!
THIS AIN'T GONNA WORK, LADY.
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE CITY AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT--
AIN'T GONNA WORK.
I'M A HUNTER. WHICH MEANS THE *OTHER* ME IS A HUNTER.
ONCE I GET MY NOSE ON YOU, I CAN TRACK YOU ALL THE WAY BACK TO A TOILET BOWL IN MADRIPOOR.

SEE.
WE GOT YOU SURROUNDED, SKRULL.

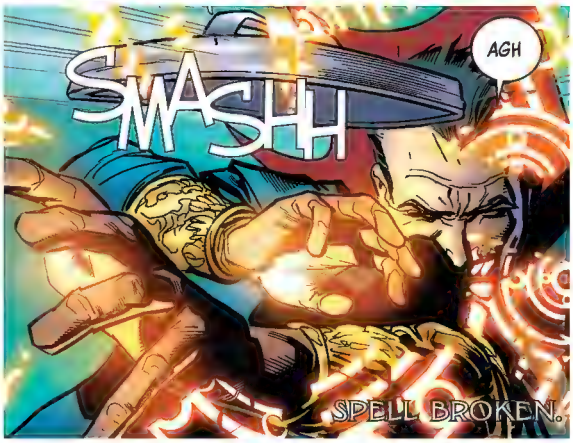
THE SPELL OF DISRUPTION.
THE BOOK OF FIRE. PAGE 97.

UH-OH.

I'M DYIN' TO HEAR WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YA.
SURE I WOULD, A FACE LIKE YOURS, WHAT'S NOT TO TRUST?

I'M GOING IN.
NO, THING, YOU BACK ME UP. THERE MIGHT BE MORE SURPRISES.

SETTLE DOWN, SKRULL.
YOU'RE ONLY HURTING YOURSELF AND I'M COMPLETELY FINE WITH THAT.
OW!


SMASH!
AGH
SPELL BROKEN.

NOW, IF YOU KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT DR. REED RICHARDS AND DR. SUE RICHARDS YOU WOULD KNOW THAT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN BACK TO EARTH IN OVER-- AGK!
HULK, DON'T BREAK HER!
LIKE I AIN'T GOT ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH!
AGH!
OKAY, I GIVE.
WHO ARE YOU?
WHO ARE YOU REALLY?

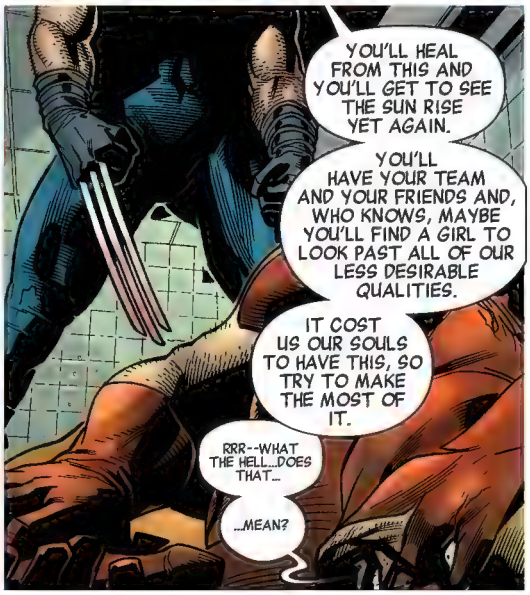
DEAR GOD!
AGH!

YOU KNOW I'M REAL!
YOU CAN SMELL IT, AND YOU KNOW I'M YOU!
I KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT ME TO THINK.
YOU THINK YOU DUMB SKRULLS WOULD HAVE LEARNED A LESSON 'BOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU WHEN YOU PRETENDED TO BE ME THE LAST TIME.

YOU GUYS HAVE SKRULLS ON THE BRAIN!
AGH!

WHEN I FIND OUAAGH!!
I KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW YA AIN'T GONNA CALM DOWN SO I'LL END THIS QUICK-LIKE.
CRUNCH

AAAGGHH!!


YOU'LL HEAL FROM THIS AND YOU'LL GET TO SEE THE SUN RISE YET AGAIN.
YOU'LL HAVE YOUR TEAM AND YOUR FRIENDS AND, WHO KNOWS, MAYBE YOU'LL FIND A GIRL TO LOOK PAST ALL OF OUR LESS DESIRABLE QUALITIES.
IT COST US OUR SOULS TO HAVE THIS, SO TRY TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.
RRR--WHAT THE HELL...DOES THAT...
...MEAN?

YOU'RE WELCOME.
WHAM
WOW! I MEAN, WOW! WHAT IS GOING ON?
AH, JEEZ. LOOK AT THE POOR GUY.
WOLVERINE WILL HEAL. HE ALWAYS DOES.
YEAH, BUT STILL.
WELL, THE GOOD NEWS IS, THEY AREN'T SKRULLS.
SKRULLS TURN BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL FORM ONCE YOU KNOCK THEM OUT.
THEN WHAT ARE THEY, JANET?
YOU KNOW WHAT I KNOW, SCOTTY DARLING.
YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT THIS ONE DID TO OUR WOLVERINE BACK THERE.
WHERE IS OUR WOLVERINE?
HE TOLD US TO LEAVE HIM ALONE FOR A MINUTE.
ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT ONE?
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS?
I THINK WE NEED TO TALK TO HIM.
I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT. I'D REALLY RATHER NOT.
WELL, IT'S A GOOD THING I SHOWED UP ON MY OWN THEN...

WHO WANTS TO TELL THEIR UNCLE TONY EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?
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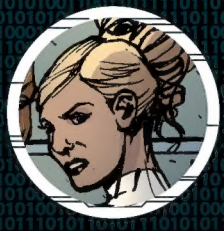
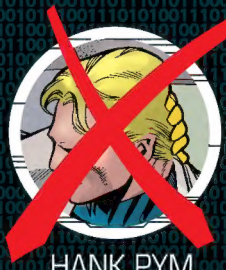
ULTRON

THE OLD NOW:

WOLVERINE



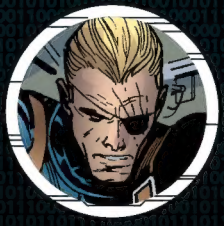
SUE STORM



HANK PYM

THE NEW NOW:

TONY STARK



COLONEL AMERICA

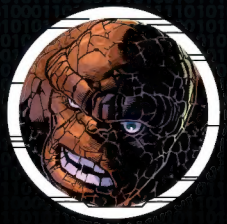
STAR-LORD

HULK

DR. STRANGE

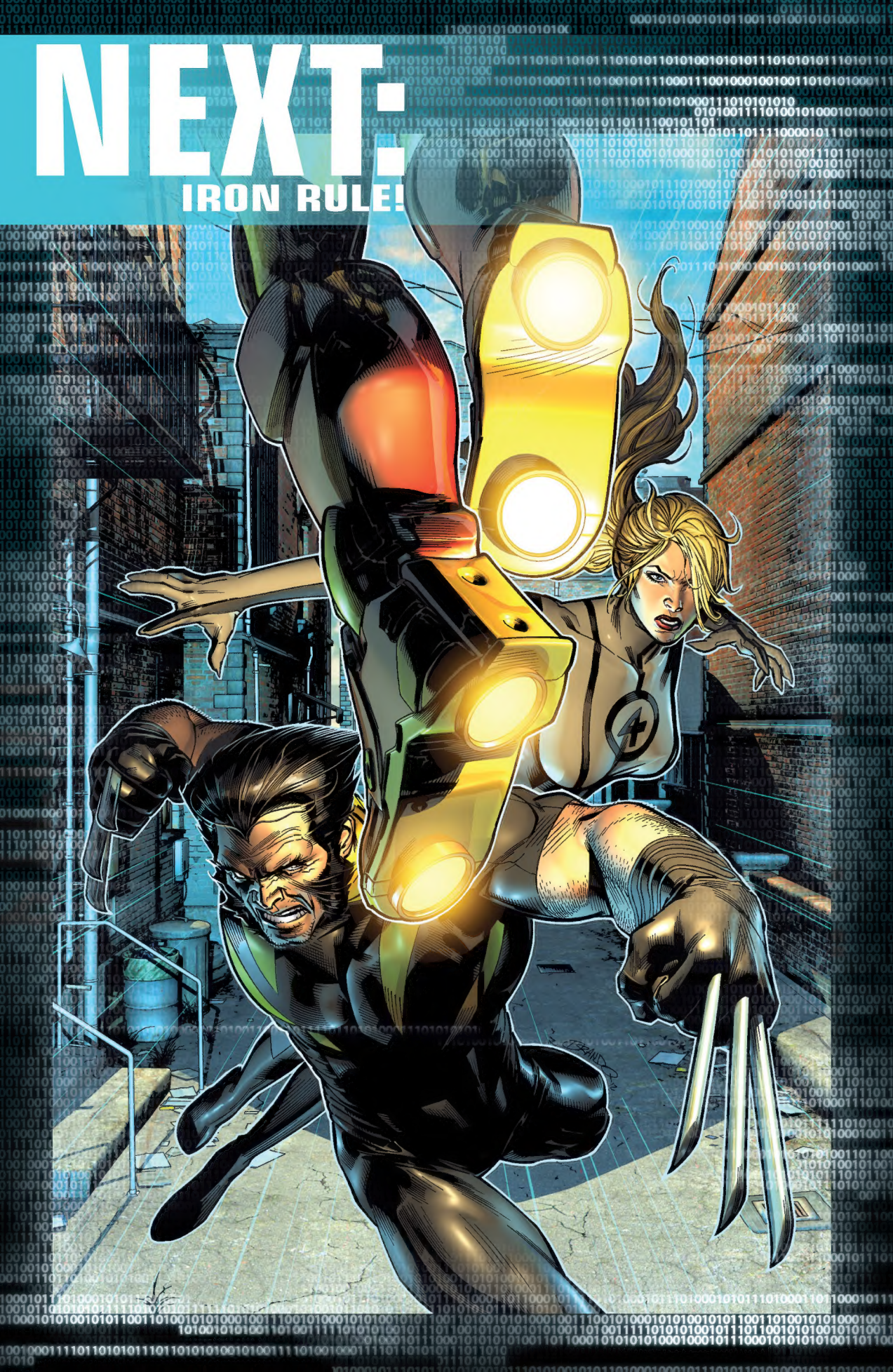
CAPTAIN MARVEL

CABLE



THE THING

WOLVERINE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IRON RULE!